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The House met at 12 noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. Petri].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC, November 12, 1997. I hereby designate the Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. Ronald F. Christian, Lutheran Social Services of Vir-

ginia, Fairfax, VA, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, at this noon day hour when in this House Your servants come together as a body to accomplish Your work on behalf of us all, we acknowledge our utter dependence on Your many and various gifts and seek Your benediction on our humble efforts to do Your will.

As the psalmist reminds us all, that unless You add Your blessings to our work, we who desire to build the city labor in vain to build it.

Therefore, bless all those who stand guard and keep watch in our land, keeping us safe by night and day from the many perils that may befall us.

Bless the hearths and the homes of our land in such a way that little children may experience love and know security and all people live together in harmony.

And bless the worn and beaten paths to the centers of worship in our land that all people will give thanks to their Creator during this harvest season and that all people will seek Your guidance as we gather to walk the road toward peace and happiness for all. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

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By order of the Joint Committee on Printing.

JOHN WARNER, Chairman.

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